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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.:	10/667,424	Examiner:	F. L. Stinson
Filing Date:	September 23, 2003	Art Unit:	1746
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed March 8, 2006 in the above application.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, submitted under 37 C.F.R. 116, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendment at least for purposes of appeal is respectfully requested in view of the fact that the rejected claims are presented in better form for consideration on appeal (37 C.F.R. 116).